

What is claimed is:

1. A thermoplastic vulcanizate, comprising:  
a thermoplastic (A);  
5 an at least partially vulcanized rubber (B);  
a plasticizer (C);  
conventional additives (D); and  
a surface modifier (E), which migrates uniformly onto a surface and  
forms a continuous, waxlike, solid layer.  
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2. The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 1, wherein  
surface modifier (E) is a substance from the group of the hydroxy stearates  
and/or their derivatives.
- 15 3. The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 2, wherein the  
surface modifier (E) is selected from the group consisting of  
methylhydroxystearate, castor oil, a castor oil derivative, and combinations  
thereof.
- 20 4. The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 3, wherein the  
surface modifier (E) is a hydrogenated castor oil.
5. The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 1, wherein the  
vulcanizate has the following quantitative portions in regard to components (A,  
25 B, C):

thermoplastic rubber (A)	60 to 5 wt. %
rubber (B)	20 to 45 wt. %
plasticizer (C)	20 to 50 wt. %

  
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6. The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 4, wherein the vulcanizate has the following quantitative portions in regard to components (A, B, C):

5	thermoplastic rubber (A)	50 to 15 wt. %
	rubber (B)	25 to 40 wt. %
	plasticizer (C)	25 to 45 wt. %

7. The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 5, wherein the  
10 conventional additives (D) are added in 0.02 to 0.5-fold weight amount, in reference to the total of the three components (A, B, C).

8. The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 6, wherein the  
15 conventional additives (D) are added in 0.02 to 0.5-fold weight amount, in reference to the total of the three components (A, B, C).

9. The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 7, wherein the  
20 surface modifier (E) is added in 0.005 to 0.1-fold weight amount, in reference to the total of the four components (A, B, C, D).

10. The thermoplastic vulcanizate according to claim 8, wherein the  
surface modifier (E) is added in 0.005 to 0.1-fold weight amount, in reference to the total of the four components (A, B, C, D).

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